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1. FOLLOWING A CONVERATIION BETWEEN THE CHARGE AND GOI FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS, AN EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED POSSIBLE US ASSISTANCE IN NARCOTICS TRAINING FOR INDIAN POLICE WITH M. RAMCHANDRAN, DIRECTOR OF TRAINING, CUSTOMS AND CENTARL EXCISE. RAMCHANDRAN SUGGESTED THAT THE MOST SUITABLE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE LECTURES BY VISITING US NARCOTIC EXPERTS ON PREDETERMINED SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE INDIAN POLICE. TRAINING MATERIALS, LEGAL ADVICE, AND EVALUATION OF GOI TRAINING COURSES WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME.

2. RAMCHANDRAN SAW ONE OR TWO LECTURES BY RECOGNIZED US EXPERTS DURING COURSES GIVEN BY THE CUSTOMS AND CENTARL EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL AS AN APPROPRIATE STARTING POINT. HE SAID LECTURES IN ALMOST ALL ENFORCEMENT SUBJECTS WOULD BE USEFUL, BUT HE PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED DRUG IDENTIFICATION, INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES, AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING. HE

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ALSO SAW A NEED FOR INSTRUCTION ON POLICE ADMINISTRATION

AND COORDINATION BETWEEN STATE AND CENTER POLICE AUTHORITIES.

3 . IN ADDITION TO LECUURES, RAMCHANDRAN NOTED THAT DEA COULD ASSIST IN EVALUATING THE CURRICULUM OF GOI POLICE COURSES. HE REQUESTED TRAINING MATERIALS, CASE STUDIES, AND DEMONSTRATIONS ON HOW TO USE DRUG IDENTIFICATION KITS. THE FINANCE MINISTRY SEES A NEED FOR US LEGAL EXPERTS TO HELP THE GOI DEVELOP PROCEDURES AND STATUTES DEALING WITH PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS.

4. FINANCE IMINISTRY OFFICIALS SAW SMOE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING OFFICIALS TO THE US FOR TRAINING IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, TREATIES, AND LEGAL SYSTEMS AT A MUCH LETER DATE. THEY REALIZED THAT THIS COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED SOON SINCE GOI DOES NOT WANT TO PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO THE US. THE INDIANS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN SENDING OFFICIALS TO THE US FOR TRAINING IN UNDERCOVER WORK AND COVERT ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS.

5. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT THE SPECIAL DEA TRAINING COURSES OUTLINED IN REF. A WOULD BE DESIRED BY GOI OFFICIALS. WE BELIEVE THE BEST WAY OF INTRODUCING US TRAINING ASSISTANCE IS BY PROVIDING LECTURERS FOR THE GOI POLICE COURSES. TO BREAK THE ICE, WE WILL INITIALLY PROPOSE NAMES OF VISITING EXPERTS TO THE FINANCE MINISTRY FOR FORMAL APPROVAL. ONCE A ROUTINE IS ESTABLISHED, THE EMBASSY CAN SUGGEST LECTURERS DIRECTLY TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL. SINCE PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS BY THE EMBASSY TO INVITE INDIAN NARCOTICS OFFICIALS TO THE US FOR TRAINING HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY TYPE OF US TRAINING FOR INDIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE A LONG WAY OFF.

6. WE ARE UNCERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY RAMCHANDRAN ARE COORDINATED AND REPRESENT THE OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE GOI. CONSEQUENTLY, WE BELIEVE IT BEST TO START SLOWLY WITH A VISIT FOR A LECTURE OF TWO OF SOME DEA OFFICIAL PASSING THROUGH INDIA. WE CAN MOVE ON FROM THERE, DEPENDING UPON HOW EACH STEP GOES. IN THE MEANTIME WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT TRAINING MATERIALS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, ETC. SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS THIS FIELD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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